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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

he number of sportspersons identified particularly in rural areas through the Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last three years, Year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA)

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports do not have any separate Centrally Sponsored Scheme to identify sportspersons in the rural areas. However, the Government of India, through the Sports Authority of India (SAI), implements a number of Schemes which operate to scout and nurture sports talent from everywhere, including the rural areas. Further, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements a Scheme of Rural Sports Programme, which too, helps in scouting sports talent from rural areas. The total number of trainees under the above schemes and programmes during the last 3 years is given below:

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03 (till date)
Number of trainees	7,005	6,928	7,580